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LITERARY GUIDE

TODAY

SYLVIA BOORSTEIN: Workshop on "Cultivating Awe and Practicing Loving Kindness" with the author of "It's Easier Than You Think: The Buddhist Way to Happiness." 10 am.-5 p.m., Buddhism at Millennium's Edge Series, San Francisco Zen Center, 300 Page St., S.F., (415) 863-3136, $75.

ROBERT CRAIS & JOHN SANDFORD: Reading from "Demolition Angel" and "Easy Prey." 5:30 p.m., Sunday Sleuths, Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, (415) 927-0960.

FRANCES DRISCOLL: Poetry reading by the author of "The Rape Poems." 3 p.m., Bird & Beckett, 2788 Diamond St., S.F., (415) 586-3733.

BHAU KALCHURI: Discussing his biography of Meher Baba. 5:30 p.m., East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 988-9800, $5.

STEPHEN LEWIS: Talk and demonstration by the author of "Sanctuary: The Path to Consciousness." 3 p.m., Open Secret, 923 C St., San Rafael, (415) 457-4191.

RICHARD MELTZER: Reading from "A Whore Just Like the Rest: The Music Writings of Richard Meltzer." 7 p.m., City Lights, 261 Columbus Ave., S.F., (415) 361-8193.

MARTY OLMSTEAD: Slide presentation by the author of "Hidden Georgia." 7:30 p.m., Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, (415) 927-0960.

POETRY ABOVE PARADISE: With Tim Donnelly and Fernando Castro, followed by open reading. 8 p.m., Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom St., S.F., (415) 621-1911.

POETRY FLASH READING: With Patty Seyburn and Grace Marie Grafton. 7:30 p.m., Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852, $2.

RUDY RUCKER: Author of "Gnarl!" 7:30 p.m., Black Oak, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 486-0698.

WILLIAM SAFIRE: Broadcast of a City Arts & Lectures event with the author of "Scandalmonger." 1 p.m., KQED-FM (88.5).

THOMAS SANCHEZ: Author of "Day of the Bees." 3:30 p.m., City Lights, 261 Columbus Ave., S.F., (415) 361-8193.

JOHN SANDFORD: Discussing "Easy Prey." 1:30 p.m., Burlingame Public Library, 480 Primrose Road, Burlingame, (650) 342-9797.

SELECTED SHORTS: "Pie Dance" by Molly Giles, read by Kate Burton; "Folk Tales" by Frederick Busch, read by Larry Keith. 5 p.m., KALW-FM (91.7). (415) 841-4121.

RICHARD WEBSTER: Presentation by the author of "Palm Reading for Beginners." 4 p.m., East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 988-9800, $6.

WHAT'S THE WORD: 6 p.m., KALW-FM (91.7). (415) 841-4121.

MONDAY

PO BRONSON: Author of "The Nudist on the Late Shift and Other True Tales of Silicon Valley." 7:30 p.m., Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD: Jeanne Powell hosts "Wordwind Chorus." 7:30 p.m., Someplace Else, 1795 Geary Blvd., S.F., (415) 440-2180.

JIM DREAVER: Author of "The Way of Harmony: Walking the Inner Path to Balance, Happiness and Success." 7:30 p.m., East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 988-9800, $5.

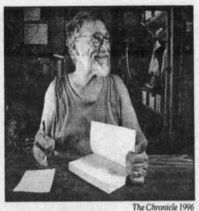
LOLITA FILES & RM JOHNSON: Signing copies of "Scenes From a Sistah" and "The Harris Men." 7 p.m., Black Spring Books, 503 Georgia St., Vallejo, (707) 556-9766.

KEPLER'S FICTION BOOK GROUP: Discussing "Invisible Cities" by Italo Calvino. 7:30 p.m., Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, (650) 324-4321.

BHAU KALCHURI: Talk by the poet and biographer of Meher Baba. 10:30 a.m., Open Secret, 923 C St., San Rafael, (415) 457-4191.

ALICIA RAY LAUREL: Author of "Living on the Earth." 7:30 p.m., A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave., S.F., (415) 441-6670.

To have an event or reading listed, send information four weeks before the event to Alix Madrigal/Literary Guide, Book Department, San Francisco Chronicle, 901 Mission St., San Francisco 94103, or fax the listing to Madrigal at (415) 957-8737, or e-mail it to booksds@sfgate.com.



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SNYDER'S 'SIERRA'

GARY SNYDER: The author of "The High Sierra of California" and artist Tom Killion, whose wood and linoleum-cut prints illustrate it, will appear at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Wallace Stegner Environmental Center at the Main Library, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco, (415) 557-4277.

RAY MANZAREK: The author of "Light My Fire: My Life With the Doors" discusses how to break into the music business. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Learning Annex, 291 Geary St., S.F., (415) 788-5500, $24-$39.

THOMAS SANCHEZ: Discussing "Day of the Bees." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1149 S. Main St., Walnut Creek, (925) 947-0373.

GARY SCHWARTZ: Author of "The Living Energy Universe." 7:30 p.m., Stacey's, 219 University Ave., Palo Alto, (650) 326-0681.

SCOTT SIMON: Discussing "Home and Away: Memoir of a Fan" with Denny Smithson. 3 p.m., "Cover to Cover," KPFA-FM (94.1).

HUSTON SMITH: Discussing "Cleansing the Doors of Perception: The Religious Significance of Entheogenic Plants and Chemicals." 7:30 p.m., Black Oak, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 486-0698.

GARY SNYDER & TOM KILLION: An evening with the author and artist of "The High Sierra of California." 7:30 p.m., Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, Main Library, 100 Larkin St., S.F., (415) 557-4277.

JOHN SANDFORD: Discussing "Easy Prey." 2 p.m., Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, (925) 254-7606.

TUESDAY

RUSSELL BANKS: Author of "The Angel on the Roof." 7:30 p.m., Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852.

KEN BLADY: Discussing "Jewish Communities in Exotic Places." 7:30 p.m., Black Oak, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 486-0698.

THE BLUE CANDLE: Afrocentric poetry and open mike for poets. 9 p.m., Dorsey's Locker, 5817 Shattuck Ave., Oakland, (510) 428-1935.

CHRISTOPHER BRAM: Author of "The Notorious Dr. August: His Real Life and Crimes." 7:30 p.m., A Different Light, 489 Castro St., S.F., (415) 431-0891.

CAROL LEE BROOK: Author of "Tortured by Sound: Beyond Human Endurance." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 644-0861.

COVER TO COVER: Jennifer Stone. 3 p.m., KPFA-FM (94.1).

ADELAIDE DONNELLEY & ANI PACHEN: Authors of "Sorrow Mountain: The Journey of a Tibetan Warrior Nun." 7:30 p.m., Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, (650) 324-4321.

MARCIA EMERY: Author of "The Intuitive Healer: Assessing Your Inner Physician." 12:30 p.m., Stacey's, 581 Market St., S.F., (415) 421-4687.

L.C. HAYDEN: Discussing "When Colette Died." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1149 S. Main St., Walnut Creek, (925) 947-0373.

ELIZABETH KIM: Discussing "Ten Thousand Sorrows: The Extraordinary Journey of a Korean War Orphan." 7 p.m., Bookshop Benicia, 856 Southampton Rd., Benicia, (707) 747-5155.

MARIN POETRY CENTER'S SUMMER TRAVELING SHOW: Prartho Sereno hosts Jeanne Wagner, Kate Pepper, Ann Robinson, Barbara Swift Brauer, Claire Blotter, Marilyn Mauch and Edwin Oviatt. 7:30 p.m., Borders, 588 Francisco Blvd. W., San Rafael, (415) 454-1400.

KENNETH MEEKS: Discussing "Driving While Black: What to Do If You Are a Victim of Racial Profiling." 7 p.m., Black Spring Books, 503 Georgia St., Vallejo, (707) 556-9766.

JIM POWELL: Author of "It Was Fever That Made the World." 8 p.m., Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, (650) 327-6500.

WILLIAM SAFIRE: Broadcast of a City Arts & Lectures event with the author of "Scandalmonger." 8 p.m., KQED-FM (88.5).

SCOTT SIMON: Reading from "Home and Away: Memoir of a Fan." 7 p.m., the Booksmith, 1644 Haight St., S.F., (415) 863-8688.

COLE WESTON: Editor of "Laughing Eyes: The Weston Letters." 7:30 p.m., A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave., S.F., (415) 441-6670.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP: Discussing "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell. 7:30 p.m., Solar Light, 2068 Union St., S.F., (415) 567-6082.

WEDNESDAY

NANCY ABRAMS: Discussing "The Other Mother: A Lesbian's Fight for Her Daughter." 7:30 p.m., A Different Light, 489 Castro St., S.F., (415) 431-0891.

SINI ANDERSON: Spoken-word performance. 8 p.m., Queer Arts Festival, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235 Collingwood, S.F., (415) 552-7709.

RUSSELL BANKS: An evening with the author of "The Angel on the Roof: The Stories of Russell Banks." 8 p.m., City Arts & Lectures, Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F., (415) 392-4400 for reservations, $17.

AMARANANDA BHAIRAVAN: Author of "Kali's Odiyya: A Shaman's True Story of Initiation." 7:30 p.m., East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 988-9800, $5.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Discussing "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi. 7:30 p.m., Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, (650) 327-6500.

PAULINA BORSOOK: Talk by the author of "Cyberselfish: A Critical Romp Through the Terribly Libertarian Culture of High-Tech." 6 p.m., the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St., S.F., (415) 597-6705, $12 members, $15 nonmembers.

CAFE POETRY: Open mike. 7:30 p.m., La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 849-2573, $2.

COVER TO COVER: Jack Foley presents a birthday tribute to Walt Whitman. 3 p.m., KPFA-FM (94.1).

LIZA DALBY: Author of "The Tale of Murasaki." 7:30 p.m., Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, (650) 324-4321.

PRAGITO DOVE: Demonstrating meditations from "Osho's Book of Secrets." 12:30 p.m., Stacey's, 581 Market St., S.F., (415) 421-4687.

JOHN EDWARD: Talk by the author of "One Last Time: A Psychic Medium Speaks to Those We Have Loved." 6:30-9:30 p.m., the Learning Annex, St. Mary's Conference Center, 1111 Gough St., S.F., (415) 788-5500, $29-$39, limited preferred seating $59-69.

MONTHLY BOOK GROUP: Discussing "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier. 6 p.m., Presidio Branch Library, 3150 Sacramento St., S.F., (415) 292-2155.

MONTHLY READERS GROUP: Discussing "The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization" by Thomas Friedman. 7 p.m., Sunset Branch Library, 1305 18th Ave., S.F., (415) 753-7130.

POETRY FLASH READING: With Naomi Ruth Lowinsky, Lucille Lang Day and Daniel Hawkes. 7:30 p.m., Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852.

POETRY READING: With participants of Gloria Ataide Breen's poetry workshop. 7:30 p.m., Oliver's Books, 645 San Anselmo Ave., San Anselmo, (415) 454-4421.

VIJAY PRASHAD: Reading from "Karma of Brown Folk." 6:30 p.m., Center for Third World Organizing, 1218 East 21st St., Oakland, (510) 533-7583.

ELLEN SCHWARTZ & SUZANNE STODDARD: Authors of "Taking Back Our Lives in the Age of Corporate Dominance." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 644-0861.

SAN FRANCISCO WRITERSCORPS: Will Powers hosts the authors of "Smart Mouth: Poetry & Prose by WritersCorps Youth," and San Francisco Poet Laureate Janice Mirikitani will make an appearance. 5 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library, 100 Larkin St., S.F., (415) 557-4277.

SPOKEN-WORD SALON: Diamond Dave Whitaker hosts a featured poet, followed by open reading. 8 p.m., Brainwash Cafe, 1126 Folsom St., S.F. (415) 255-4866.

MICHAEL TENZER: Author of "Gamelan Gong Kebyar: The Art of Twentieth-Century Balinese Music." 7:30 p.m., Black Oak, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 486-0698.

THURSDAY

SALAR ABDOH: Author of "The Poet Game." 7:30 p.m., Black Oak, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 486-0698.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Discussing "Flatland" by Edwin Abbott. 7 p.m., Printer's Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 961-8500.

DARRYL BROCK: Author of "Havana Heat." 7:30 p.m., Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, (650) 324-4321.

ROSELLEN BROWN: Author of "Half a Heart." 7:30 p.m., A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave., S.F., (415) 441-6670.

CAROL COSMAN: Reading from her translation of Pierre Bayard's "Who Killed Roger Ackroyd?" 7 p.m., "M" Is for Mystery, 74 E. Third Ave., San Mateo, (650) 401-8077.

LIZA DALBY: The author of "The Tale of Murasaki." 12:30 p.m., Stacey's, 581 Market St., S.F., (415) 421-4687; 7:30 p.m., Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852.

DAVID DANIELS: Author of "The Essential Enneagram: The Definitive Personality Test and Self-Discovery Guide." 7:30 p.m., East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View, (650) 988-9800, $5.

DUOMO READING SERIES: Randy Fingland hosts Joan Gatten 7 p.m., Cafe Firenze, 2115 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 644-0155.

KIEF HILLSBERY: Discussing "War Boy." 7 p.m., Books Inc., 2275 Market St., S.F., (415) 864-6777.

J.S. HOLLIDAY: Discussing "Rush for Riches: Gold Fever and the Making of California." 4 p.m., Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, (925) 254-7606.

RICHARD MELTZER: Reading from "A Whore Just Like the Rest: The Music Writings of Richard Meltzer." 7 p.m., City Lights, 261 Columbus Ave., S.F., (415) 361-8193.

MULTICULTURAL SPOKEN WORD: 8:30 p.m., Capoeira Arts Cafe, 2026 Addison St., Berkeley, (510) 666-1349.

RICK MURDOCK: The author of "Patient Number One: A True Story of How One CEO Took on Cancer and Big Business in the Fight of His Life." 6 p.m., Open Books: Writers at the Library, Koret Auditorium, Main Library, 100 Larkin St., S.F., (415) 557-4277.

OAKLAND POETRY SLAM/OPEN MIKE: 8 p.m., Mambo Mambo, 1803 Webster Ave., Oakland, (510) 832-9422.

EDNA O'BRIEN: Discussing "Wild Decembers" with Richard Wolinsky and Richard A. Lupoff. 3 p.m., "Cover to Cover," KPFA-FM (94.1).

PAVARTHY: Author of "Heavenly Father Speaks: Second Arrival." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 644-0861.

DONALD PEDERSON: Author of "Mental Laxatives for a Constipated Mind." 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Jack London Square, 98 Broadway, Oakland, (510) 272-0120.

POETRY READING: Open mike. 7 Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, (650) 327-6500.

REBECCA SOLNIT: Author of "Wanderlust: A History of Walking." 6 p.m., Mechanics Institute Library, 57 Post St., San Francisco, (415) 393-0101, $5.

DAVID TRINIDAD: Author of "Plasticville." 7:30 p.m., A Different Light, 489 Castro St., S.F., (415) 431-0891.

MARINA WARNER: Author of "Joan of Arc: The Image of Feminine Heroism." 8 p.m., Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, (650) 327-6500.

BRIAN WEISS: An evening with the author of "Messages From the Masters: Tapping Into the Power of Love." 7-9:30 p.m., Learning Annex, Unitarian Universalist Center, 1187 Franklin St., S.F., (415) 788-5500, $29-$39 general seating, $59-$69 preferred seating.

WRITING FROM YOUR HEART & SOUL: Lecture by Rose Offner, author of "Companion Journal to the Soul." 6:30-9:30 p.m., Learning Annex, 291 Geary St., S.F., (415) 788-5500, $29-$49.

FRIDAY

BLACK GAY LETTERS & ARTS MOVEMENT: 7 p.m., Queer Arts Festival, Cabel's Reef, 2272 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, (415) 552-7709

NATHANIEL BRANDEN: The author of "How to Raise Your Self-Esteem" talks about "Building Self-Esteem Personally and Professionally." 7-10 p.m., Learning Annex, 291 Geary St., S.F., (415) 788-5500, $24-$39.

ROSELLEN BROWN: Author of "Half a Heart." 7 p.m., Cody's, 1730 Fourth St., Berkeley, (510) 559-9500.

COVER TO COVER: Erik Bauersfeld reads Guy de Maupassant on love and madness. 3 p.m., KPFA-FM

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